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Dear HSCIC Caldicott Guardian,

Having received a letter from the outgoing HSCIC Board Chair, which was explicit as to HSCIC's actions, can you please explicitly confirm the basis for data deemed "patient identifiable information"¹ being released as anonymous by HSCIC?²

Looking at the events that triggered the Partridge Review in 2014, would patient opt outs be disregarded for the release made to PA Consulting?³ Would patient opt outs be disregarded for release made to the Society of Actuaries?⁴

Will all future data release registers state whether objections have been honoured for each release?

Should "patient identifiable information" be released as "anonymous", that is likely to, yet again, cause significant public concern. Especially if the description of the implementation of the opt outs may have been beyond misleading.

Yours sincerely,

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Cc Sir Nick Partridge
National Data Guardian
HSCIC Chief Executive

¹ Under Appendix 7 of Caldicott 1. http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20130107105354/http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/documents/digitalasset/dh_4068404.pdf

² 5th bullet point <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/article/7092/Information-on-type-2-opt-outs>

³ <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/article/3948/Statement-Use-of-data-by-PA-consulting>

⁴ <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-26329748>